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President's Report

July was action-packed, and August promises more of the same!

The floor is installed in Room 2 at Cornell, and it looks amazing! We were able to completely cover the cost of the flooring with two extremely generous anonymous donations of \$20,000 and \$5,000. Thank you to Dawn Butler's husband Bubba for installing the railing in that room, too!

We participated in the West Allis 4th of July parade on Wednesday, July 2. Thank you to everyone who participated (especially the banner holders!) and to Mari Pavleje for coordinating the event.

Unfortunately, Greenfield's Bark After Dark (Friday, July 11) was canceled due to inclement weather. However, I still want to highlight the time and effort that members put into preparing the event, especially Tracy McCarty for coordinating the agility demo and designing courses specifically for the event, and Mari Pavleje for coordinating the booth reservation and staffing.

The Canine Fitness Workshop on Sunday, July 13 was a huge success! It was a lot of fun and very educational. Huge thank you to Jenna Saint-Louis from Two Left Feet Canine Fitness for sharing her expertise with us.

The Sendik's grilling fundraiser on Sunday, July 20 was also a big success! We made over \$400 from sales and donations. Thank you to Linda Roman for securing our day and to everyone who worked the event, came to support the club, and/or use their well-behaved dogs to draw in more customers!

Finally, we held our first AKC ACT (Agility Course Test) trial on Sunday, July 27. There were over 80 runs, with many titles and qualifying scores. Thank you to Jenn Smith for judging the event and donating her judging fee. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help, especially Jammie Schrab and Chris Stephens, who helped the whole event though they weren't competing in it with their dogs, and Lindsay Moore, who helped with the running order and posting scores.

We also have several things coming up in August. We're the featured group of the day at the K-9 Sports Arena on both Fridays of the State Fair (August 1 and 8). We'll have a booth and perform two obedience demonstrations each day. We'll also be doing an agility demonstration in the Coliseum on Friday, August 8. Stop by, say hello, and see what some of our club dogs can do!

Our annual club picnic is Sunday, August 17. Training will be canceled that day. Sign up in the outdoor clubhouse, and bring your friends and family (but not your dogs) with you!

Erin Ruppel

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Director of Training Report

Welcome to summer! Here are a few reminders to set you and your dog up for success:

- Handlers must wear closed-toe shoes that are secure on their feet while on the field.
- Please wear long pants on the field as often as you can (I know it can be hot but ...)
- Watch your dog for signs of overheating. Don't "push through". Take a break. Seek some shade and provide water.
- Dogs can get sunburned, too! Plan and prepare!

Tips for Keeping Your Pet Safe in the Heat

1. Never, ever leave your pet alone in a parked car on a warm day. Not even for a minute. On a warm day, the temperature inside your vehicle can rise quickly into the danger zone. Leaving windows cracked doesn't drop the temperature inside the vehicle. Leaving your car running with the air conditioner on is dangerous for a whole host of reasons.

Leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle in extreme heat or cold is a criminal act in several states and municipalities. Most statutes have rescue provisions that allow certain individuals – for example police officers, firefighters, animal control officers, store employees -- to do whatever is necessary to rescue an animal trapped in a vehicle in extreme temperatures.

On summer days, it's best to leave your pet home where she can stay cool, hydrated, and safe.

2. Don't walk or exercise your pet on hot pavement. This can be a tricky one to remember (unless you're in the habit of walking your dog barefoot), but it's extremely important. Not only can pavement on a hot day burn your dog's paws, but the heat rising from concrete or asphalt can quickly overheat an animal that lives close to the ground. Also don't allow your pet to stand, walk or rest on hot outdoor surfaces like sidewalks or parking lots.

3. Exercise your dog during the coolest parts of the day. In most locations, this means early in the morning or after sunset. Try to stay in the shade during daylight hours and no matter the time of day, don't overdo outdoor exercise or play sessions. Even on an overcast day or in the evening, a long period of physical exertion in hot weather can cause heatstroke in your dog.

4. Provide plenty of fresh clean drinking water at all times. In addition to overheating, your pet can become dehydrated very rapidly in warm weather. A good general guideline is that a healthy dog should drink between ½ and 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight each day.

Here are some highlights from this past month:

- Puppy Classes are starting up for the fall season! Starting in September, Dawn Butler will lead the Puppy Classes. Watch the calendar for dates.
 - Our Introductory Canine Fitness Class on 7/13/25 was a success. We had 14 teams learn about ways to enrich their dogs and to help their dogs achieve their goals. There has been an interest in a 6-week workshop. If interested, please reach out to Kim Rinzel at DOT@milwaukeeedog.com to get your name on the list.
 - Our first Agility ACT event was on 7/27/25. Thank you to Jenn Smith and Tracy McCarty for pulling this together. It was well received by everyone attending.
 - The pilot program for taking attendance is still in its infancy. We hope to have the process smoothed out by the time we return to indoor training. Thanks for your patience.
 - **New titles or successes?** Please record your good news on the website! We are collecting "wins" for the next holiday party in January. Please sign into your account on the website. Visit the Membership tab (at the top of the page) and click on Member Resources, Submit a Show Win.
If submitting a new title for your dog, please include a scan/picture of the certificate from the AKC or granting organization. This is our new technique for collecting titles for recognition.
If you have already shared your new title with the Club, please go back to the website and fill out the official form.
- ~ Kim Rinzel

Fundraising at Sendik's

Sendik's stores offers a fundraising program to non-profits where groups sell brats, burgers, hot dogs, chips, soda and water to earn money for the group. We did it twice last year and did well, so we signed up again this year. We were only able to get one date, Sunday, July 20th, this time, but we still did well! Between sales and donations, we earned \$436.

Besides Linda Roman, Sue Steinbach, and Mari Pavleje who cooked and sold the food, several members signed up to bring their dogs to meet and greet the customers. Thanks to: Shayla Taylor and Rocky, Peggy Brunner and Gigi and Mia, Molly Hare and Sadie. Renee Kielich and Roxy, Kim Richardson and Rex, and Nicole Jones and Marge.

And, last but not least, a big thank you to our club members who came to patronize our stand!

MDTC Annual Picnic

Please join us Sunday, August 17th for our annual picnic. Families are invited, but please leave your 4 legged friends at home.

There will be food, fun and games. We hope to see you there.

Share Your Success Stories!

Milwaukee Dog Training Club members can now submit their show wins and trial achievements online! Visit <https://www.milwaukeeclubdog.com/submit-an-achievement> to have your accomplishments featured in our monthly newsletter. Whether it's a new title, ribbon, or personal milestone with your dog, we want to celebrate your hard work and dedication. Submit your achievements today and let the club community cheer on your success! While you're on the site, don't forget to check out the other helpful information under Membership > Member Resources.

Thanks!
Amelia



SHOW WINS AND BRAGS



Amelia Harsh and Lua: AKC Agility @ Canine Sports Zone 7/5/2025 - 1st place in Novice A Standard and got her NA title

AKC Agility @ Think Pawsitive 7/20/2025 - 1st place in Novice A JWW and got her NAJ title, 1st place in Open Standard (first leg towards OA title)



July Exhibitions



West Allis held its Fourth of July parade on Wednesday evening, July 2nd, this year. It was a perfect summer night for us and our dogs to participate, and we had a great turn-out of dogs and handlers! The crowds along the route were large and appreciated the well-trained dogs in our group.

Thanks to the following people and their dogs for walking with the club: Peggy Brunner, Sabrina Burgett, Dawn Butler, Kris Connell, Molly Hare, Will Hutton, Renee Kielich, Pam Klein, Kris Kleist, Melissa Krug, Ellen Mack, Tracy McCarty, Kayden Rinzel and Daryl Ann Stuppan. Thanks, too, to Sue Steinbach and Jenny Hutton who carried our banner.

On Friday, July 11th, we were supposed to have a booth and do an agility demonstration at Bark After Dark at Konkel Park in Greenfield. Unfortunately, the event was canceled due to threatening weather. Thanks to all those who planned to participate but couldn't!

Mari Pavleje
Exhibition Coordinator



Who wore it best?!

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday July 30, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Erin Ruppel at 8:01pm

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Minutes were approved as distributed by automatic consent.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Secretary

Nothing to report

President

Samantha Kammers has made the decision to step down from the board, so we have an opening on the board for a 2 year term. An election will be held at the August meeting.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the 4th of July parade and the ACT trial.

Treasurer

Account balances and June profits & losses reported. We had higher expenses due to the insurance payment. We earned \$350 with the Canine Fitness class. Bank access has been transferred from Jerry Jordan to Laura Lown. Laura is working on cleaning up QuickBooks.

Training Committee

Director of Training/Obedience: Remember to bring water for your dogs every class.

The Canine fitness class with Jenna Saint Louis was a success with 14 out of 16 spots filled. We are looking into holding a 6 week canine fitness seminar with Jenna.

We are still piloting an attendance program with the advanced novice class. It will be important to keep track of who is present when we move indoors for the winter.

If you earn a new title, please enter on the website under member resources-submit an achievement so that you can be recognized at the annual holiday party. Please include a scan or picture of the title/certificate for verification.

Kim Rinzel will be out of town August 14-25. Lory Valley will be covering for her as Director of Training during that time.

Agility: We had the ACT trial on the 27th with 84 runs.

Flyball: There will be an open house in the fall, with a new class starting in November, dates TBD

Puppy Class-Puppy class starts Monday, September 8th. Dawn Butler will be teaching.

AKC Show: Nothing to report

Member Engagement Committee

We met recently to come up with goals for the committee. We want to work on communication, and improving the sandwich boards. We are also working on tracking volunteer hours.

Membership and Sales: Next class Aug 10 is full and 5 people signed up for Sept 28. We are piloting an attendance program in advanced novice class, and trying to streamline it before expanding to other classes. Attendance will be for students and instructors (we want to know who is in the building in case of emergency)

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

Meeting Continued

Hopefully we will have a QR code for people to scan when they get to class. This would let us run reports and track who is coming to class. There will be a tip sheet on how to sign in on the side of the shed by the advanced novice class.

Good & Welfare: BJ Parrot's husband Albert passed away.
Dorothy Schmidt's daughter Amy passed away.

Social: The annual picnic will be Sunday, August 17 (no dogs). Bring a dish to pass. There will not be class that day.
Ghost Night will be October 18.

Facilities Committee

The floor and railing are done in room 2. Thank you to Bubba Butler for installing the railing in room 2.

UWM will not let us park in the lot until August 25th. Chris Cowles (our attorney) will talk with UWM in January to try to get us parking lot access for next summer.

Revenue and Finance Committee

We earned \$476 from the Sendik's grilling fundraiser and \$350 from the Canine Fitness class.

Community Engagement Committee

Exhibitions: We had 15-20 people participate in the 4th of July parade.

Bark after Dark was cancelled on July 11 due to severe weather. (We were supposed to have a booth and agility demo.) It was not rescheduled.

We have the State fair August 1st and 8th. We are the group of the day at the K9 Sports Arena. both days and have an agility demonstration in the coliseum on the 8th at 3:30pm. Please stop by and say hi!

September 13 is Barktober Fest at Estabrook Park. We will have a booth. If you attend, please be aware of people using flexi-leads at this event. If you bring your dog, consider keeping them on a shorter leash.

The West Allis Christmas parade is the first Saturday in December (12/6/25)

Nominating Committee

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Samantha Kammers has decided to step down from her board position. We have a vacancy, according to bylaws we will have an election at the next membership meeting. The board will nominate one candidate and we will take nominations from the floor. If we don't fill the position at the next meeting we will try again the following month. The position will be for 2 years.

Amelia Harsh has been working on identifying a board nominee. Talk with her if you are interested. You have to have been in the club for at least one year to be on the board.

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

Meeting Continued

We are looking at holding an open house in the fall before we go back indoors. We might pair this with an AKC Responsible Dog Owner Day (RDO Day). We could have agility, obedience, flyball, and therapy dog demos, classes for kids on dog safety. Members could come to see the new space with the flooring in room 2. We would invite nonmembers to come without their dogs. If you are interested in helping to organize this, talk with Kris Connell who is chair of the member engagement committee.

Sign up sheets for the picnic will be available soon.

Show wins: Lots of great wins, titles, and qualifying scores! Be sure to submit your wins to the newsletter by filling out the form under the member resources tab on the website.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Brauch. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Submitted by Katie Schmidt, Club Secretary



Parade Time!

August 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 MDTC @ State Fair Obedience Agility 1 - 5:30 Agility2 -7 | 2 Outdoor Agility |
| 3 Outdoor Training 9am | 4 | 5 Flyball Training | 6 Rally 6pm Outdoor Training 7pm | 7 | 8 MDTC @ State Fair Obedience & Agility Demos | 9 Outdoor Agility |
| 10 Outdoor Training 9am HEEL DOWN | 11 | 12 Flyball Training | 13 Outdoor Training 7pm HEEL DOWN | 14 | 15 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7- 8:30pm | 16 Outdoor Agility |
| 17 Annual MDTC picnic No Classes | 18 | 19 Flyball Training | 20 Rally 6pm Outdoor Training 7pm | 21 | 22 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7- 8:30pm | 23 Outdoor Agility |
| 24 Outdoor Training 9am | 25 | 26 Flyball Training | 27 Outdoor Training 7pm Membership Meeting | 28 | 29 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7- 8:30pm | 30 No classes Holiday |
| 31 No classes HOLIDAY | | | | | | |

September 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Labor Day | 2 Flyball Training | 3 Rally 6pm Outdoor Training 7PM | 4 | 5 Agility 1 - 5:30 pm Agility2 -7 pm | 6 Outdoor Agility |
| 7 Outdoor Training 9am | 8 | 9 Flyball Training | 10 Outdoor Training 7PM | 11 | 12 Agility 1 - 5:30 pm Agility2 -7 pm | 13 Outdoor Agility |

Members please note, if you are not going to renew your membership, when you receive your notice please email your intentions to info@milwaukeekeedog.com
Thanks!



Not receiving your newsletter via email? Please contact the club's front desk. If you have an article, report or upcoming event you would like to see in future newsletters email Ellen at emkk@sbcglobal.net. Please attach any photos as JPG files (.jpg). The deadline for submissions is the LAST WEDNESDAY of every month. If you send an article after the last Wednesday of the month, it will go in the following month's newsletter, which means it will probably be outdated! No exceptions!

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The search now works across all your devices whether you're on a desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. It also gives you more flexible ways to refine your search.

Here's how to find it. Go to American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org. Click on the Events tab at the top of the page.

At the bottom of the events page you will find a link to the Events Calendar. This will take you to the AKC Event Search & Results. *



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